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SUBJ: VISIT BY COMMERCE SECRETARY RICHARDSON TO BUDAPEST

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1. CHARGE AND COMATT MET OCTOBER 27 WITH AMBASSADOR BARTHA, CHIEF OF FONOFF DIVISION V, TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMERCE SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S BUDAPEST VISIT 24-25. AT OUTSET BARTHA STRESSED THAT GOH WARMLY WELCOMES VISIT AND QTE STRONGLY HOPES THAT NOTHING WILL AFFECT SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S PLANS UNQTE. AS SIGN OF IMPORTANCE GOH PLACES ON TRIP, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SZEKER WILL BE OFFICIAL HOST AND PARTICIPATE IN SUBSTANTIVE EVENTS, THOUGH LOGISTICS WILL BE HANDLED BY BIRO'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE.

2. LEVINE/DAMERON TELCON OCTOBER 22 MOST USEFUL IN PROVIDING QUICK SKETCH OF PARTY AND DESIRED PROGRAM. POST STILL AWAITS CONFIRMING TELEGRAM WITH SPECIFICS ON PARTICIPANTS AND NUMBER OF SPOUSES WHO WILL ACCOMPANY. (FYI: BARTHA SAID GOH EXPECTING MRS. RICHARDSON, ASST SECRETARY AND MRS. MATHEWS AND MRS. DOWNEY.)

3. MFA FULLY SUPPORTS RADELKIS VISIT AND HUNGARIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROUND TABLE WHICH WILL BE CHAIRED BY DOZSA, DIRECTOR OF ALUMINUM TRUST, ABOUT WHOM KALLOS SPOKE DURING RECENT VISIT OF DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DOWNEY.

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4. COMMENT: SZEKER CLEARLY BEHIND ENTHUSIASTIC GOH
REACTION TO VISIT. FROM EMBAZYDBVIEWPOINT, VISIT
CRUCIAL IN MAINTAINING MOMENTUM IN U.S.-HUNGARIAN
RELATIONS. BARTHA'S COMMENTS RE PROBLEMS IN SCENARIO
FOR SIGNING OF CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT FOLLOW
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